



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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**This Week's Program: June 26, 2008**

**Community Grant Recipients**

**Speaker: Matt Bradley**

**Arranged by Matt Bradley**

**Next Week's Program: July 3, 2008**

**Celebrate Our Independence**

**No meeting**

## MINUTES by Fran Luft

The invocation was given by **Jeff Sommer**. **Presidents Gary's** thought for the day - A man wants to die like his grandfather- peacefully- not like the screaming passengers in his car. (We will miss Gary's humor).

The lone visiting Rotary was Joe Cunnane. Guests included Demetrios Cidis, Troy ? (Comcast); Kate O'Rourke and Mrs and Mrs. Michael O'Rourke. **Victoria Dow** extended Birthday Greeting to **Christine McCawley**.

Announcements: Rotary Dues for the 2008-09 year are due July 1st. Please pay your dues to **Trish Kotsay/Secretary**. Gundaker Foundation fundraising continues until July 15th. We are at 32 percent of our goal. **Dave Biffin** and **Noel Stanek** will be scheduling program speakers for the 08-09 Rotary year. If you have any suggestions /ideas for programs please see Dave or Noel. **Faith Woodward** is looking for sponsors for the printing of the Rotary Votary for the next Rotary year. Please sign up. **Kate Walker** is the Teams chairperson for the Chili Cook Off. The Chili Cook Off will take place October 5th. There is an early bird special for those teams who sign up by the 30th of June. See Kate. **Steve Karp** announced that the Planning and Leadership Meeting to Create a Vision for the next Rotary year will take place Saturday, June 21st from 8- 10 a.m. at Brandywine Heating and Air Conditioning. All are welcome to attend.

The PRESIDENT'S GALA will take place July 10th at 6 p.m. at the West Chester Golf and Country Club. Spouses and guests welcome at \$30.00 per person/\$50.00 per couple. A silent and live auction will be conducted to benefit our good works and our Rotary Club. To donate or to register for this event contact **Sue Casso Rodgers** at a Rotary Meeting, via email at [shcasso@cs.com](mailto:shcasso@cs.com) or by phone 610.429.4015. Register by July 1st.

Happy Bucks: **Bill Winters** (Collegium School growing- 1,300 students); **Faith Woodward** (conducted a choral performance) **Irvie Hoffman**

(wife's good care at Chester County Hospital/ Barclay Friends- will be off her feet for 12 weeks).

**Concetta Schiattarella** ( son graduated from high school. He is attending Drexel in the fall); **Steve Karp** (Governor Rendell has appointed Steve to serve on the state Board of Chiropractors); **Eric Trajtenberg** (won arbitration); **Charlie Lyddane** (medical equipment sent to Kenya and Sudan); **Gary Hess** (new job in Frazer).

Budget Preview (It is posted on our Rotary website- PLEASE check it out).\$81,600 revenues, \$35,000 from Chili Cook Off. Dues are down 4 percent. Expenses - \$11,500 programs, \$43,600 grants and scholarships; \$8,000 Honduras project-roll over to new year. Unused monies \$34,000, \$8,000 Honduras project, Misc. and Interest-\$2,500. 2008-09 \$81,500 to spend up 7 percent. \$15,200 district and RI dues. \$3,800 operating expenses. \$54,000 give away to charitable groups. We have a broad range of Rotary activities - 45 to be exact.

Students of the Month- Nora Demehur- East High School and Andrew Smith- Henderson High School.

**Dave Wood** won the 50/50.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Describing the process to select our Honorary Rotarian, **Christina McCawley** acknowledged her committee of four who joined her, **Dave Rayburn**, **Patty Jefferis**, **Don Stonestrom**, and **Shana Yeldell**. Of the five applicants they considered, Michael J. O'Rourke was selected. Michael joined his father's West Chester business, O'Rourke and Sons, Inc. in 1981. Originally they sold steel to homeowners but Mike expanded their scope to include steel structures for business applications and now has seventy employees.

Michael's list of companies with whom he is involved is extensive. He is on the board of the YMCA on the Property/Development Committee and on the WCU Foundation Board. He is also on the boards of Fulton Bank, Human Life,

Salesianum, Villa Maria (chair of Property committee), and St. Agnes (chair of Fellowship Committee). He is a former JV basketball coach and the president of the SubContractors Association of the Delaware Valley. Whew!

Mike works quietly and often anonymously and certainly fulfills the Four-Way test. Michael received a Rotary badge, pin, and plaque for this honor.

Quoting Groucho Marx, Michael said, "I wouldn't join any club that would want me for a member." He embraces the motto, "Service above self." Acknowledging several friends in the room, he thanked the club for this award.

### THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Jeannie McGinn** of McGinn Marketing Works

### DUES DUE

Rotary dues is now due for the 2008-2009 Rotary year.? The dues are \$230 and can be paid in full or in two payments of \$115 by July 1, 2008 and \$115 by January 1, 2009.? Please hand me a check at a meeting or mail a check to me at the address below.? Attached is an invoice if you need to submit one to your company.

Thank you for your prompt attention in paying your dues. Trish Kotsay/Secretary

### GUNDAKER

Please send your Gundaker contribution made out to Gundaker Foundation to: Pat Barron, 20 McMullan Farm Lane, West Chester, PA 19382

### THE ROTARY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President, Gary Hess; President-Elect, Steve Karp; Vice-President, Dave Rayburn; Past President, Gary Hewitt; Secretary, Patricia Kotsay; Treasurer, Rob Feenan; Sergeant At Arms, Bob Crow; Directors-at-Large: Rich Kauffman, Adrienne Masak-Rozier, Terry McGrath, John Messersmith, John Olszewski, Bob Rogers, Bill Ronayne, Mark Sammarone  
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Dede Carruthers, Ass't District Governor  
Robert Poole, III, M.D., P. D.G. 1980-1981

### BUDGET

The Proposed 2008-2009 Budget is now available

online for your review and comment through July 3rd. You'll find the necessary links on the Home Page of the Club Website <http://www.westchesterrotary.us> You will be required to enter the Members Only username and password to access the budget and comment form.

### SAVE THE DATE

July 3 No Meeting  
July 10 No lunch meeting  
July 10 President's Party  
Oct 5 Chili Cook Off

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>  
Add events: [calendar@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)

### PRESIDENT'S GALA

Don't Delay - Sign Up Today!!

Our President's Gala is fast approaching so don't be left out! On July 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Chester Golf and Country Club, our Rotary Club will induct new President, Steve Karp, and congratulate our outgoing President, Gary Hess, on a job well done. We will enjoy a nice meal, fellowship, the induction of officers and an exciting auction of items donated by fellow Rotarians.

Check out the Club Service page of our website for information on the Gala and for the Auction Item donation sheets. PLEASE consider donating something to the Auction - purchase a gift certificate, prepare a meal, offer a service, make up a basket, offer a vacation home or trip, there are many possibilities.

To sign up for this event and/or donate an auction item, see **Sue Casso Rogers** at a Rotary meeting or email [shcasso@cs.com](mailto:shcasso@cs.com) or call 610-429-4015.

Let's all support our Leadership Team at this very exciting event!

### HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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